



NOTICE OF RULE MAKING – Proposed Rules #13-02

The Washington State Liquor Control Board would like your input on the attached proposed rules for **WAC 314-23-030 What does a spirits certificate of approval license allow?**

This notice contains the actual text of the proposed rule. You can provide input by submitting written comments or by participating in the public hearing (see below).

This rule making is filed with the Office of the Code Reviser in the Washington State Register number # 13-03-150

This notice can be found at <http://www.liq.wa.gov/laws/laws-and-rules> under Proposed Rules.

The Liquor Control Board encourages you to give input on this proposed rule. Following the comment period, the agency will hold at least one public hearing before the rule is adopted.

Public Comment

Please forward your initial comments to the Liquor Control Board by mail, e-mail, or fax by **February 27, 2013**.

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Public Hearing: **February 27, 2013**
10:00 a.m.
Washington State Liquor Control Board – Board Room
3000 Pacific Ave. S.E, Olympia, WA

Proposed Rule

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 12-12-065, filed 6/5/12, effective 7/6/12)

WAC 314-23-030 What does a spirits certificate of approval license allow? (1) A spirits certificate of approval licensee may not commence sales until March 1, 2012. A spirits certificate of approval license may be issued to spirits manufacturers located outside of the state of Washington but within the United States.

(2) There are three separate spirits certificate of approval licenses as follows:

(a) A holder of a spirits certificate of approval may act as a distributor of spirits they are entitled to import into the state by selling directly to spirits distributors or spirits importers licensed in Washington state. The fee for a certificate of approval is two hundred dollars per year.

(b) A holder of an authorized representative out-of-state spirits importer or brand owner for spirits produced in the United States but outside of Washington state may obtain a spirits authorized representative domestic certificate of approval license which entitles the holder to import spirits into the state by selling directly to spirits distributors, or spirits importers licensed in Washington state. The fee for an authorized representative certificate of approval for spirits is two hundred dollars per year.

(c) A holder of an authorized representative out-of-state spirits importer or brand owner for spirits produced outside of the United States obtains a spirits authorized representative foreign certificate of approval which entitles the holder to import spirits into the state by selling directly to spirits distributors, or spirits importers licensed in Washington state. The fee for an authorized representative certificate of approval for foreign spirits is two hundred dollars per year.

(3) A spirits certificate of approval holder, a spirits authorized representative domestic certificate of approval holder, and/or a spirits authorized representative foreign certificate of approval holder must obtain an endorsement to the certificate of approval that allows the shipment of spirits the holder is entitled to import into the state directly to licensed liquor retailers. The fee for this endorsement is one hundred dollars per year and is in addition to the fee for the certificate of approval license. The holder of a certificate of approval license that sells directly to licensed liquor retailers must:

(a) Report to the board monthly, on forms provided by the board, the amount of all sales of spirits to licensed retailers.

(b) Pay to the board a fee of ten percent of the total revenue from all sales of spirits to retail licensees made during the month for which the fee is due for the first two years of licensure.

(c) Pay to the board five percent of the total revenue from all sales of spirits to retail licensees made during the month for which the fee is due for the third year of licensure and every year thereafter.

~~((4) An authorized representative out-of-state spirits importer or brand owner for spirits produced in the United States but outside of Washington state may obtain an authorized representative certificate of approval license which allows the holder to ship spirits to spirits distributors, or spirits importers located in Washington state. The fee for an authorized representative certificate of approval for spirits is two hundred dollars per year.~~

~~(5) An authorized representative out-of-state spirits importer or brand owner for spirits produced outside of the United States may ship spirits to licensed spirits distributors, or spirits importers located in Washington state. The fee for an authorized representative certificate of approval for foreign spirits is two hundred dollars per year.))~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 66.08.030, 66.24.055, 66.24.160, 66.24.630, and 66.24.640. 12-12-065, § 314-23-030, filed 6/5/12, effective 7/6/12.]